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2. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint comprising a male first pipe portion, a female second pipe portion, a compression gland having a lip located at an inner diameter of the gland disposed at least partially within the second pipe portion, and a restraining gasket within in the second pipe portion and between the first pipe portion and the second pipe portion, said gasket further comprising:

- a) a compressible body having a spigot-facing surface, a recess seat-facing surface, and a gland-facing surface; and
- b) a locking member, said member having a tooth and a back portion at least partially embedded within the compressible body, wherein at least a portion of the tooth is positioned to engage the first pipe portion, wherein said locking member is adapted to pivot in response to a force tending to separate the first pipe portion from the second pipe portion,

and wherein said locking member is adapted to resist movement between said first pipe portion and said compression gland in the event of such force.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint comprising a male first pipe portion, a female second pipe portion, and a restraining gasket, said gasket further comprising:

- a) a compressible body having a spigot-facing surface, a recess seat-facing surface, and a gland-facing surface; and
- b) a locking member, said member having a tooth and a back portion at least partially embedded within the compressible body, wherein at least a portion of the tooth is positioned to engage the first pipe portion,

wherein said locking member is adapted to adopt a secured relationship with the first pipe portion upon compression of a gland against said gland-facing surface and wherein further said locking member is adapted to non-compressibly resist movement of said first pipe portion relative to said gland by transferring a first portion of an extractive force to said gland and a second portion of such force to the second pipe portion, which first portion and second portion each have a magnitude less than a magnitude of the extractive force.

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Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

- C2 13. (Twice Amended) A gasket interchangeable with gaskets of standard mechanical pipe joints, for securing the ends of intersected assembled pipe portions, said gasket comprising a compressible body adapted to encircle a spigot end of a first pipe length and adapted to fit within a bell end of a second pipe length; said gasket having a spigot-facing surface, a gland-facing surface, and a recess seat surface; said compressible body having embedded therein a locking member, said locking member having a toothed edge, a gland-meeting area, and a recess seat-meeting area; said toothed edge disposed in proximity to said spigot-facing surface; said gland-facing area disposed in proximity to said gland-facing surface, and said recess-seat meeting area disposed in proximity to said recess seat surface.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

- el conx 14. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint as in Claim 13, wherein said gland-facing surface comprises a tooth.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

- C3 16. (Twice Amended) A method for preventing the disengagement of pipe lengths in a standard mechanical joint comprising:
- a) inserting a spigot end of a first pipe length into a bell end of a second pipe length;
  - b) placing a gasket within the bell end and around the spigot end, said gasket comprising a compressible body and a locking member;
  - c) affixing a compression gland to the bell end and partially within the bell end, in a manner that compresses the gasket to form a fluid seal; wherein said locking member is positioned such that upon a force tending to move the gland relative to the spigot end, said locking member rotates and directs a portion of the force counter to the bell end.